

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four resolutions were submitted, as follows: S. Res. 192–195. **Page S8895**

Measure Passed:

Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act: Pursuant to the order of June 26, 2003, Senate passed H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8898–S8997**

Frist Amendment No. 1134, to amend the title of the bill. **Page S8898**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Nickles, Frist, Kyl, Baucus, Rockefeller, Daschle, and Breaux. **Page S8898**

Subsequently, the June 26, 2003, passage of S. 1 was vitiated and the bill was then returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S8997**

Patients First Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to protect patients' access to quality and affordable health care by reducing the effects of excessive liability costs. **Pages S8871–93, S8893–94**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, July 9, 2003. **Page S8894**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Tuesday, July 8, 2003.

Kasold Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bruce E. Kasold, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. **Page S8893**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James G. Roche, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Army.

Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Donald K. Steinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Federico Lawrence Rocha, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 8, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8997.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.